THE ELEVENTH DAY.

10th March 1922.

The Assembly met at 11-50 A. M. on Friday, the 10th March 1922.

139. Some suggestions for the advancement of the Cheramar community in Travancore.

M. N. J. Joseph (Member, Nominated) prayed that the following suggestions offered by him with regard to the advancement of the Cheramar community be sympathetically considered by the Government :—

(1) The name of the community should be changed from 'Pulaya' to 'Cheramar', as the community had lost much in public estimation owing to the use of the former term which was a by-word of reproach.

(2) Government should appoint a Committee with certain Cheramar members to investigate the ancient history and status of the community.

(3) Orders should be issued for the periodical inspection of the dwellings of the Cheramar and other backward classes by the Darbar Physician and the Sanitary Commissioner.

(4) The grievances experienced by Cheramars in the matter of *puduval* registry at the hands of subordinate revenue officers should be removed.

(5) Wet lands within forests should be registered in the names of members of the depressed classes.

(6) Lands in the vicinity of towns should be acquired by Government and granted to the depressed classes as dwelling sites.

(7) The children of the community should be taught free in all Government schools.

(8) Special scholarships should be instituted for the benefit of the members of the Cheramar community as an incentive to English education among them.

(9) The members of his community should be exempted from the payment of admission fees and be supplied with books and slates *gratis*.

(10) Special Cheramar schools should be opened in localities where the members of the community lived in large numbers.

(11) Government should render the necessary help for the formation of a Permanent Endowment Fund for the Cheramar Sangham. This fund would be invested with Government as a fixed deposit carrying interest at 10 per cent.

(12) Members to represent the community on the Popular Assembly and the Legislative Council should be nominated by Government after consulting the Executive Committee of the Cheramar Sangham.

(13) Government should recognise the claims of Cheramar Hindus and Cheramar Christians separately in the matter of appointments in the public service.

(14) The Palla community found in the taluks of Tovala, Agastisvaram, Shencottah and Devicolam should be accepted as one of the depressed classes and given all the concessions usually granted to those classes.

(15) A Special Officer with the powers of a Dewan Peishkar should be appointed to look after the interests of the depressed classes.

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